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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figures 7-9 as shown in red in the attached copy of the drawing. Applicant will submit formal drawings after approval by Examiner.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on Page 22, Line 4 and Line 19, with **TO 3600 MAIN ROOM**  
the following rewritten paragraphs:

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FIGURES 7, 8 and 9 show portions of highway guardrail system 220 which includes breakaway support post 230 and guardrail 22. Breakaway support post 230 includes elongated body 32 and is similar in both design and function with breakaway support post 30. One difference between breakaway support posts 30 and 230 is the replacement of soil plates 52 and 54 by soil plates 254 and 256. As best shown in FIGURES 8 and 9, fastener assembly 160 may be used to attach soil plate 254 with elongated body 32. Fastener assembly 160 includes threaded bolt 163, hollow sleeve or spacer 168 and nut 165. The use of soil plate 254 and fastener assembly 160 eliminates some of the welding steps associated with attaching soil plates 52 and 54 to breakaway support post 30.

Soil plate 254 has a generally rectangular configuration. The length, width and thickness of soil plates 254 may be varied depending upon the intended application for the associated breakaway post 230 and the anticipated soil conditions adjacent to the associated roadway. An appropriately sized hole is preferably formed in the mid-point of soil plate 254 and bolt 163 inserted therethrough. The head 166 of bolt 162 is disposed on the exterior of soil plate 254. Spacer or hollow sleeve 168 is then fitted over the threaded portion of bolt 163 extending from soil plate 254 opposite from head 166. A corresponding hole is preferably formed in web 34 at the desired location for soil plate 254. Bolt 163 is inserted through the hole in web 34 and nut 165 attached thereto.

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